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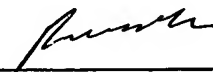
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Application No.: 10/781,773  
Filing Date: FEBRUARY 20, 2004  
Title: REPRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS, RECORDING  
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Docket No.: 249092US6

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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/781,773

Applicants: Miki ABE, et al.

Filing Date: February 20, 2004

For: REPRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
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Group Art Unit: 2131

Examiner: Unassigned

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Patent Office Communication dated December 20, 2004 with attached copy of Notice under 37 CFR 1.251 – Pending Application (Form PTO 2053-A) and attached Notice under 37 CFR 1.251 Pending Application (Form PTO Form 2053-B)**

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**Copy of Advanced Serial No. postcard indicating docket number 249092US, Serial No. 10/781,773, filed February 20, 2004;**

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**Copy of American Express credit card form in the amount of \$1,326.00;**

**Copy of Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form;**

**Copy of Fee Transmittal form;**

**Copy of Request for Priority with attached copy of priority document JP 2003-058377;**

**Copy of PTO Form 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet with attached copy of executed**

**Assignment;**

**Copy of Application Data Sheet (2 pages);**

**Copy of patent application (52 pages including specification and claims) and 15 sheets of drawings;**

**Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (4 pages);**

**Copy of Official Filing Receipt mailed 5-13-04;**

**Copy of date-stamped filing receipt dated May 20, 2004 with attached Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt and copy of Official Filing Receipt;**

**Copy of Corrected Filing Receipt mailed 6-7-04;**

**Copy of Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document received August 24, 2004 with attached copy of Form PTO 1595 and copy of executed Assignment; and**

**Copy of Notice of Publication of Application received September 23, 2004.**

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We have not included a check as we do not believe any fee is required. In the event there are any Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Respectfully submitted,

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